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Mr. David Phillips
c/o NBC Today Show
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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Phillips,

I found much of what you had to say on ~~xxxxx~~ this morning's show very interesting. And not only from my own prior intelligence experience.

I am one of those who has had much interest in the JFK assassination and the Warren Report.

One of the real problems has been trying to offset what sometimes ranges from silly to insane.

And one of the subjects on which there has been most confabulation, outright fabrication and plain nuttiness is that of Oswald in Mexico.

An example of this, as I see it, is the recent article in the New York Review of Books centered around a picture that in slightly different form had been published by the Warren Commission as Exhibit 237 and as Odum Exhibit 1.

I know of no basis for believing that this man could have pretended to be Oswald. Nor do I believe that an imposter would present himself as an imposter at a disqualifying date, after Oswald had left Mexico. And who in his right mind would believe that those entering embassies would wear identifying signs?

I believe I have read all the Warren material on this. It does leave gaps.

So, because of the positiveness with which you expressed yourself this morning, I write to ask if there is anything you can tell me that it would not be improper for you to say and that could help clarify both this picture and any questions of what Oswald was doing in Mexico. You may not be aware of it but the Commission's material is contradictory, with FBI materials not in accord with other FBI materials or with what Members of the Commission said.

I am glad that you addressed what recently has amounted to a campaign, the claim that Castro used Oswald to retaliate against alleged CIA assassination attempts allegedly sponsored by Robert Kennedy. If you have any ideas about the origin of this campaign I would appreciate knowing whatever you feel you can tell me.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

bcc: told George Lardner about this broadcast. He says he will try to get a transcript and that if he does he'll send me a copy.